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Barron, et al.)	
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APPLICATION SERIAL NO.)	GROUP ART UNIT 3679
10/815,275)	
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TITLE: PIPE COUPLING DEVICE)	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action in this case, Applicant's attorney requests that the first paragraph on page 1 of the application be replaced with the following paragraph:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/815,275
Applicant: Barron, et al.

This application claims priority from Provisional Patent Application Serial No.
60/459,843 filed April 1, 2003, and entitled "Pipe Coupling Device."

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment.
However, the Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account No. 20-1507 if any such fees
are due.

Respectfully submitted,

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